

*REMARKS/ARGUMENTS*

In response to the Office Action mailed March 18, 2008 Applicant amends his application and requests reconsideration. In this Amendment, claim 2 is cancelled leaving claims 1 and 3-5 pending.

The Examiner requested a more specific title and a substitute title is supplied.

In this Amendment the limitation of examined claim 2, with some modifications, is incorporated into claims 1 and 5, the two examined independent claims. The dependency of claim 3 requires amendment in view of the combination of claims 1 and 2.

In amending claims 1 and 5, the plurality of monitor-relating screens is described not as two but as all of the three described display screens. As used in the patent application, screen means a displayed image, not a monitor, such as a CRT or LCD display. The latter article is called a display unit in the patent application. One of the plurality of screens of the processing unit displays monitoring information regarding elevator operation. Another display screen displays images of the conditions within an elevator car. The third display screen displays requests for establishing connection of communication lines between an interphone, i.e., voice intercom, of an elevator car and the monitoring room where the monitoring terminal is located. The request is employed to establish voice communication when the information derived from the other display screens indicates the propriety or necessity of establishing voice communication between the monitoring room and occupants of an elevator car. With this monitor terminal arrangement, a number of different elevator cars and their status can be monitored efficiently because all three screens are displayed on a single monitor. See the patent application at page 11, lines 7-14.

Examined claim 1 was rejected as anticipated by Hummert et al. (U.S. Patent 3,973,648, hereinafter Hummert). This rejection is moot in view of the amendment of claim 1 to include substantially all of the limitation of examined dependent claim 2.

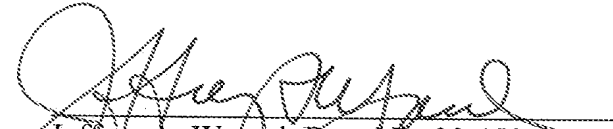
Claims 2-5 were rejected as unpatentable over Hummert in view of Hida (JP 11-228046). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

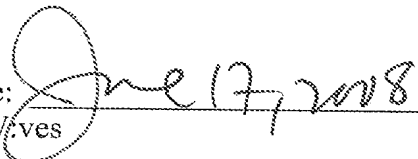
As acknowledged in the rejection of examined claim 2, Hummert does not disclose or suggest the display on a single display unit of the three windows or light display screens, perhaps in a single window, of the operation data, video data, and interphone connection request data as in amended claims 1 and 5.

Hida was relied upon as describing automatic voice activation in a remote elevator monitoring system. Because of that automatic connection arrangement, there is no description of or suggestion for, in Hida, of a screen that displays connection request data regarding a request, for example, from a push-button activation in the elevator car, for voice communication between the car and the remote monitoring terminal. Accordingly, even if Hummert were modified by what is disclosed in Hida, the result could not be the invention as claimed because there would be no component corresponding to the connection request screen.

Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1 and 3-5 are earnestly solicited.

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